

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated January 21, 2005, the Examiner identified the claims of the application directed to two different inventions:

I. Claims 1-26, drawn to a boundary layer turbine.

II. Claims 27-30, drawn to a method for obtaining power from a geothermal source using a boundary-layer turbine in combination with a heat exchanger.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Restriction Requirement. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution of the pending claims, Applicant elects to continue prosecution on the set of Claims the Examiner has identified as Group I, Claims 1-26, drawn to a boundary layer turbine, classified in class 415, subclass 90. Applicant further elects distinct species 1) of the claimed invention: a boundary layer-turbine with multiple single disks as shown in Figs. 2-5 and as claimed in claims 1-14. Applicant further elects the sub species (b) related to the material and surface of the blade, the boundary-layer turbine having the blades coated with a ceramic coating. Accordingly, Applicant has withdrawn claims 8 and 10-30. Applicant reserves the right to present the withdrawn claims in one or more continuation or divisional applications. Applicant has also amended claims 6 and 7 to correct minor errors.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

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The Response is timely filed and no fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that necessitate the entry and consideration of this paper or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0653.

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